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CZECHOSLOVAK AIR, RAIL TRANSPORT EXPANDEDAIRLINE INCREASES FREIGHT SHIPMENTS -- Rude Pravo, No 12, 15 Jan 49

The Czechoslovak Airlines, the only aviation company in Czechoslovakia, is entering the first year of the Five-Year Plan as a state enterprise. The Plan stipulates that 7,600,000 kilometers will be flown in 1949, to be divided by quarters as follows: in the first quarter, 1,700,000 kilometers will be flown; in the second, 2,000,000; in the third, 2,200,000; and in the fourth, 1,700,000. The performance will be increased in subsequent years of the Five-Year Plan, and will reach 13,600,000 kilometers in the fifth year.

Last year, the 25th anniversary of air transport in Czechoslovakia, 116,861 passengers and 3,749,955 kilograms of freight were transported. Of the passengers, 65,885 were transported on domestic lines and 52,376 on foreign lines. The Czechoslovak Airlines is planning to add several new aircraft; also, a plan has been drafted for the rationalization of work and the maximum utilization of all manpower.

SOVIET PLANES FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Rude Pravo, No 7, 9 Jan 49

Two Soviet twin-engine aircraft of the Ilyushin type, purchased under the Czechoslovak-Soviet trade agreement, have recently arrived in Czechoslovakia. Designed for 32 passengers they have considerable speed, advantages in carrying capacity, and modern equipment.

POTATO TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN -- Lidova Demokracie, No 7, 9 Jan 49

During the autumn potato campaign in railroad transportation, held from 15 September to 30 November 1948, 25,708 carloads of potatoes weighing 277,301 tons, and 55,910 piece shipments of potatoes weighing 16,955 tons were shipped from Bohemian and Moravo-Silesian dispatch offices. In 1948, 15,026 more piece shipments were shipped than in 1946 (5,270 more tons). A total of 5,836 carloads of potatoes weighing 87,365 tons, and 23,911 piece shipments of potatoes weighing 4,217 tons arrived at the Prague railroad station in the 1948 campaign. This represents 3,748 more carloads and 54,106 more tons than in 1946. Piece shipments amounted to 874 tons more than in 1946.

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RAILROAD STATION REBUILT IN KRUPINA -- Pravda, No 33, 9 Feb 49

The railroad station in Krupina, destroyed during the war, has been completely rebuilt and will soon be opened to the public. Because of the large amount of freight transportation, a new connecting road will be built from the freight warehouse to the main road system. Work will begin simultaneously on the construction of new garages and an administration building in Krupina.

NEW RAILROAD TUNNEL IN SLOVAKIA -- Pravda, No 35, 11 Feb 49

On 4 February, the tunnel on the railroad line between Banovo and Tisovec was put into operation, shortening the former distance of this section by 600 meters. This will effect a saving in traveling time.

NEW CABLE RAILROAD OPENED -- Rude Pravo, No 22, 27 Jan 49

The cable railroad on Lomnický štít was put into operation on 25 January. Its second section, 1,852-meter-long, from Skalnaté Pleso to Lomnický štít, was built under difficult wind conditions.

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